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In re Application of  
Thomas Qi, et al. :  
Serial No.: 10/601,900 :  
Filed: 06/23/2003 : Group Art Unit: TBA  
For: Method of Evaluating a  
Portfolio of Leased Items : Examiner: TBA  
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Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicant herewith corrects two clerical errors noted in the drawings.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please approve amending Figs. 4 and 13 as indicated in red on the attached sheets. Formal replacement drawings for the proposed changes to figs. 4 and 13 are also attached.